SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The Excise Commissioner reports that, with the recent reduction in the salt duty, there is no necessity for the opening of fish-curing yards. As a matter of fact, a fish-curing yard proposed in South Travancore had to be given up as the fishermen preferred to get their salt in the usual way. I think therefore that the member should begin with the fishermen and convince them of the necessity for a yard and, if they agree, Government will see what can be done. The Excise Commissioner thinks that a yard at Quilon is not necessary.

KOTTARAKARA TALUK.

Mr. D. Govinda Pillai had mentioned, in his memorandum of representations, the following subjects :—

116. *(a) Arrears of tax on puduvals.*

(b) Settlement grievances.

(c) Kottarakara Oottupura.

(d) Taluk management.

(*a*) realization of arrears of tax on puduval lands in the taluk;

(*b*) grievances regarding settlement;

(*c*) the Kottarakara Oottupura was useless;

(*d*) management of the taluk.

The member was absent. They were, however, read out.

Dewan's reply.—The questions are vague and do not admit of specific answers. The member is not in his place.

[NOTE.—The member appeared later on and said that he had nothing particular to urge.]

117. *Forest grievances.*

Mr. K. Sankara Pillai spoke of the hardship due to the reservation of forests and to the absence of provision for enabling the ryots to collect manure, to graze their cattle, &c.

Dewan's reply.—Government cannot allow ryots to interfere with reserved forests.

118. *Sub-registrar's office at Chadayamangalam.*

The same member represented the necessity for establishing a sub-registrar's office at Chadayamangalam.

Dewan's reply.—A scheme is now before Government for opening eight additional sub-registry offices, and Chadayamangalam is one of them. Probably, Chadayamangalam *may* get a registry office, but Government do not promise that one will be opened there.

The member also asked for—

119. *Road and bridge near Neduvomkavu.*

120. *Fencing Railway line.*

(1) a road and bridge near Neduvomkavu: and that

(2) the Railway line near Kottarakara be fenced on both sides, in view to prevent cattle crossing the line and being accidentally killed.

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